USDA AMS Weekly Shell Egg Demand Indicator

(Calculated estimate of demand for shell eggs based on current production and on inventory clearance rate.)

The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is -5.50, down 2.3 points from last week.

This Week:

Consumer demand for shell eggs moved lower and remains lackluster in the near-term. Feature activity at retail over the past week offered little incentive to spur buying. Wholesale prices for cartoned eggs are weak to lower with readily available offerings and more than adequate supplies. Demand remains limited and movement is slow to moderate. Prices on the loose egg market are moving lower on fully adequate supplies and available offerings. Movement is moderate as marketers are interested in keeping stocks current for the anticipated autumn rise in demand. Wholesale breaking stock prices are lower on moderate supplies and light to moderate offerings. Interest is good but measured, schedules full-time, and trading is moderate. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a sharp rise in activity for all shell egg types with a corresponding sharp drop in the average ad price.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

U.S. table egg layer flock 321,716,667 (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report) Percentage flock in molt 1.8% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)

Productive table egg layer flock **315,954,629** (total flock - (total flock * molt))

Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -

(shell egg production less shell eggs for breaking stock)

Table egg layer rate 82.4% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)

Total egg production 260,482,064 (total productive flock * lay rate)

Total eggs into breaking stock 83,451,189 (32.04% of daily shell egg production to breakers)

177,030,876 (egg production * (100% - % to breaking stock))

491,752 (eggs for table use ÷ 360 eggs per case)

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

USDA shell egg inventory

Table eggs for in-shell use

Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock

Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases)

Shell egg cases produced each day

26-week rolling average of days on hand

Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing

1,685,600 30-dozen cases (from USDA Weekly Shell Egg Inventory report)

63.0% (shell egg inventory cooperators control 63% of productive flock)

309,804 (produced by inventory cooperators' flocks (daily production * 63%))

(774,510 cases expected weekend (2.5 days) carryover)

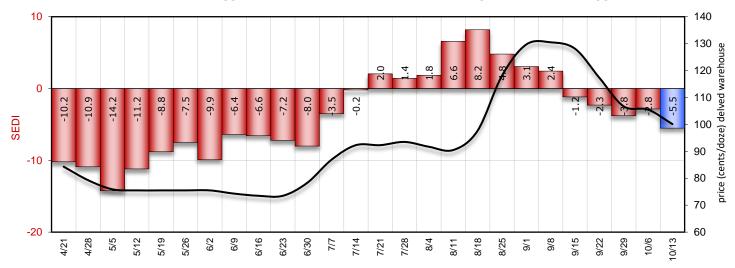
5.14 (average of the last 26 week's days of eggs on hand)

(inventory ÷ cases produced per day)

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

-5.50 ((26-week average ÷ current days on hand) - 1) * 100

Shell Egg Demand Indicator vs. USDA Midwest Large Cartoned Shell Egg



Sources: USDA NASS Monthly Chicken and Eggs (pec-bb); Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News; SHELL EGGS: Weekly Shell Egg Inventory (Mon)

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